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Applicants:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 06/17/05, for which a Response was due 09/17/05, now extended three (3) months to 12/19/05 (12/17/05 being a Saturday), the Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and in support of this request, Applicants cofiled documents authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the associated filing fee (\$790.00) under 37 C.F.R. §17(e) to Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

Applicants also cofile with this request an amendment and response to the prior bases for rejection.

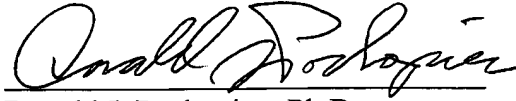
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